

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 407

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A RESOLUTION to honor Master Sergeant Marcus Durden,  
United States Air Force, on the occasion of his  
retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a true patriot who has proudly served the United States of America and the State of Tennessee with selfless devotion to duty for forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Marcus Durden has rendered loyal and astute service as one of the founders and instructors of the Air Force JROTC Unit TN-20026 at Greeneville High School; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-one years with Unit TN-20026, Master Sergeant Durden is taking his much-deserved retirement from military service; and

WHEREAS, while Master Sergeant Durden was on active duty, he was assigned to such varied locations as Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina; Royal Air Force Bentwaters, England; San Antonio, Texas; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina; Guam; and Altus, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, he admirably performed myriad functions as a uniformed soldier, including Security Forces MWD handler, Combat Patrol team leader, military training instructor, Security Forces instructor, substance abuse counselor, paramedic and medical operations superintendent, and JROTC instructor; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Marcus Durden received his associate degree in police science from the Community College of the United States Air Force, an associate degree in military leadership from Rio Salado College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the

University of Maryland, and a Master of Education degree from Western Governors University;  
and;

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Durden has been an integral part of Unit TN-20026,  
serving longer than any instructor in the program's history and has shaped it into the  
respectable entity it is today; and

WHEREAS, throughout his forty-five-year tenure with the United States Air Force,  
Master Sergeant Durden has set a standard for effective leadership and personal excellence  
that we would all do well to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we honor Master Sergeant Marcus Durden for his meritorious service with  
the United States Air Force and Air Force JROTC Unit TN-20026 at Greeneville High School  
and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his  
retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to  
the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear  
without House or Senate designation.